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Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide Supplemental Deallocations for the Department of the Secretary of State and Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017

(H.P. 703) (L.D. 1020)
(C. "A" H-681)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 133 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 647) (L.D. 1606)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-464) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-467) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" (H-643) thereto in the House on April 5, 2016.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-545)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker EVES of North Berwick moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative RUSSELL of Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Fewer than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was not ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Russell.

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, the bill before you, if I understand correctly, is related to the proposed disbursement of the S & P settlement funds. This is $21 million that is very high profile. It was won in a settlement by the Attorney General. To my knowledge, there has been no public hearing about it. It is 1:30 in the morning. We found about it at 9:30 in our caucus.

Very little money in this goes to support people who actually lost their homes in foreclosure. If we are going to bring in $21 million in a settlement because of the bankruptcy proceeding that occurred as a direct result of the robo-signing, we owe it to the people of Maine to make sure that we are setting up systems in place and using some of that money, a significant portion, far more than the million dollars that is set aside, to make sure that this never happens again. This is about the robo-signing. Many people lost their homes in foreclosure. And we are setting aside all this money at 1:30 in the morning and very, very little goes to support homeowners who did this.

Now, I could be wrong. I could be somewhat wrong about this. But, the fact of the matter is, it has not been debated, it has not been put before the public, and it's my understanding that the Appropriations Committee, while they have authorized this and we have passed many of these items, the Appropriations Committee did not put this package together. This is literally being done in the middle of the night. The process is bad. And frankly, I would like the opportunity to vote against it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative GRANT of Gardiner **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 646

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beck, Bickford, Black, Bryant, Buckland, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Crafts, Daughtry, Davitt, Dillingham, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Foley, Fowle, Fredette, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hogan, Hubbell, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, McCabe, McClellan, McCreight, McElwee, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Beavers, Blume, Brooks, Burstein, Chapman, Chenette, DeChant, Devin, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Frey, Gilbert, Goode, Grant, Harlow, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Mastraccio, McLean, Melaragno, Peterson, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Stuckey, Warren.

ABSENT - Beebe-Center, Farrin, Fecteau, Hamann, Hobbins, Powers, Rykerson, Timmons, Wallace.

Yes, 115; No, 27; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

115 having voted in the affirmative and 27 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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ENACTORS
Acts

An Act To Attract Investment to Loring Commerce Centre

(H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1670)
(H. "A" H-682 to C. "A" H-634)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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